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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below in the complete listing of claims.

1. (Previously Presented) A hinge plate for integrally and pivotally connecting a first truss member to a second truss member comprising:

a first connector comprising a planar member having at least one mounting portion thereon, the first connector having a hinge portion thereon;

a second connector comprising a planar member having at least one mounting portion thereon, the second connector having a hinge portion thereon;

an intermediate member comprising a planar member having at least one mounting portion thereon, the intermediate member having a hinge portion at a first end thereof and a hinge portion at a second end thereof opposite to the first end, wherein the hinge portion on the first connector is pivotally mounted to the hinge portion on the first end of the intermediate member and the hinge portion on the second connector is pivotally mounted to the hinge portion on the second end of the intermediate member;

whereby a multifunctional pivotal mounting between truss members can be made by fastening the first connector to a first truss member and fastening the second connector to a second truss member.

2. (Original) The hinge plate of claim 1 wherein the at least one mounting portion on the first connector comprises a nail plate.

3. (Original) The hinge plate of claim 2 wherein the at least one mounting portion on the second connector comprises a nail plate.

4. (Original) The hinge plate of claim 3 wherein the at least one mounting portion on the intermediate member comprises a nail plate.